

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	Case No. 1:20-CR-143
v.	)	
	)	Honorable T.S. Ellis, III
ZACKARY ELLIS SANDERS,	)	
	)	
<i>Defendant.</i>	)	
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**GOVERNMENT’S MOTION TO SEAL OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT’S  
MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY**

The United States of America, by and through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 49(C) and 49(E), moves to file under seal an un-redacted copy of the government’s opposition and exhibit 1 to the defendant’s recently filed motion to compel discovery. Dkt. No. 37. A redacted copy has been filed on the public docket. Dkt. No. 41. The un-redacted copy will be delivered to the clerk’s office with a copy of this motion and emailed to defense counsel. A proposed Order is attached for the consideration of the Court.

The defendant’s motion raises, and the government’s filing responds to, arguments and information regarding the underlying investigation in this matter that are subject to a protective order. *See* Dkt. No. 28. In the protective order, the parties agreed that the information contained within the defendant’s motion and the government’s opposition will be filed under seal. This investigation is ongoing and sensitive, and the government believes that the details of this investigation are not widely known. Sealing is therefore necessary in order to safeguard this information.

The Court has supervisory power over its own records and may, in its discretion, seal

documents if the public's right of access is outweighed by competing interests. *In re Knight Pub. Co.*, 743 F.2d 231, 235 (4th Cir. 1984). Such sealing is within the discretion of this Court and may be granted for "any legitimate prosecutorial need." *United States v. Ramey*, 791 F.2d 317, 321 (4th Cir. 1986); *see also, Baltimore Sun Co. v. Goetz*, 886 F.2d 60, 65 (4th Cir. 1989).

Accordingly, the United States requests that the government's opposition and exhibit 1 to the defendant's motion to compel remain under seal until further order of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 27, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which automatically generated a Notice of Electronic Filing to the parties of record.

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